

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-32 are pending in this case. Claims 26-32 have been withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention.

Claims 1-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1, 15, 21, 24, and 25 have been amended in response to the rejection. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-25 are in statutory form.

Claims 1-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DiGiacomo, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,367,195). Claims 1, 21, and 25 have been amended to include the features of "a protective overcoat over said planar active surface, said protective overcoat including windows exposing said plurality of contact pads, said windows having sidewalls; an added conductive layer covering each of said contact pads, said window sidewalls, and a portion of said protective overcoat surrounding said windows, said added layer having a surface conforming to said contact pads, said window sidewalls, and said portion of said protective overcoat adjacent said chip and a planar outer surface." DiGiacomo does not teach or suggest such features. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1, 21, and 25, as well as Claims 2-20, and 22-24, are patentable over that reference.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of Claims 1-25. If the Examiner has any questions or other correspondence regarding this application, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's attorney at the below listed telephone number and address.

Respectfully submitted,

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